



Declaration For U.S. Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled (INSERT TITLE) NEEDLE ASSEMBLY

the specification of which

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed:

(List prior foreign applications.)	<u>2001-16916</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>25/01/2001</u>	Priority Claimed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<u>2001-147372</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>17/05/2001</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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